

4-H Afterschool Team Meeting Notes

May 29, 2007 Wisline 1:30 – 3 pm

Attendance: Kathi Vos, Paula Huff, Annette Bjorklund, Denise Retzleff, Gloria Fauerbach, Jenny Holm. Notetaker was Jenny Holm

There were no changes to the minutes from September 7, 2006.

4-H Team Wisline was held on n May 7th 2007. Kathi summarized what was discussed: in the fall teams will share information on their status. This will allow for feedback, recruitment and planning. Information shared in the fall will help set the potential for what teams will exist starting the beginning of January 2008.

4-H Afterschool Web Grid was sent by email from Kathi this morning for people to look at. This resource has grown into this document. The original intent was to help people who are just getting started with 4-H Afterschool to look at and locate programs that would be similar to what they are planning. The vision for this grid would be to develop an on-line tool that would show which counties are doing what programming, success story information and contact information. The grid needs to be updated so agents would need to complete a survey to get current information. This information would then be used by new Afterschool or potential Afterschool programs/partners to get details on programming. Its main use is for connecting to resources. Discussion was held on is it valuable and useful. Some discussion was held on how this could be turned into a checklist because it is important information for new or revised programs to consider. The biggest obstacle to the on-line grid is keeping it updated—continuous surveying would be needed as well as continuous updating of the grid. In the end there were no recommendations given so it will be set aside.

Training Funds were received from DPI and 9 counties received funds to train people in 4-H Afterschool programming. These counties were: Dane, Fond du Lac, Jackson, Kenosha, Lincoln, Outagamie, Sawyer, Washburn, Waukesha and Waushara. The information on the training tools presented can be found at: <http://4h.uwex.edu/afterschool/training/county.cfm>. Eleven counties submitted for MetLife grants. They were Barron, Oneida, Lincoln, Marathon, Outagamie, Jackson, Juneau, Fond du Lac, Dane, Racine and Kenosha.

JCPenney 4-H Afterschool Grants are due June 29th and information can be found on the National 4-H Afterschool website. (6/2/07 update, Fond du Lac and LaCrosse submitted proposals.)

The National 4-H Afterschool Pre-Conference is going to be held in Atlanta Oct. 20-21st 2007. Annette and Kathi will be co-facilitating a modified version of the regional trainings. They are looking for anyone else who might be attending Atlanta who would help facilitate if their proposal is accepted. A copy of the proposal was attached to the agenda.(7/2/07 update, Vos/Bjorklund seminar proposal accepted.)

Afterschool Curriculum update - Congratulations to Sally Bowers for her Afterschool science curriculum which passed review. She is also working on some more parts to this curriculum and

wants to make it a series. She has plans to submit more in the fall. There are more activities that are being developed and are moving into the jury review process. The D2L training tool has been very beneficial to Afterschool curriculum development. Another course is scheduled for Sept 15th-Nov 15th 2007.

WAN Update -- Kathi has been very busy with the Wisconsin Afterschool Network (WAN). They held 4 regional meetings this past spring and are planning 3 more this fall. They are planning for these sessions to hold poster sessions from the grant recipients which would entail a question and answer format. Then there would be opportunity to do some hand on work with Afterschool programs like 4-H Afterschool Ag or Public Adventures. They would like to see more local involvement. They are holding a retreat at the end of June in the La Crosse area to discuss/focus on sustainability.

Future of 4H Afterschool Team -- Discussion was held on the future of the Afterschool work team, should it continue as a team format, a network format or discontinue? Members expressed they found benefits in being part of the team – staying connected and in communication about opportunities. Kathi will still have a connection as a specialist with Afterschool. If the team stayed together suggestion was made that more should be done with evaluation. In the end it was decided that the specialist would continue to pump out information to keep people informed, the website would be kept updated, but that the team would not continue. The Afterschool Team decided to sunset until need arises. Paula applauded all the work that the team had done to get as far as it has and stated that the team has created sustainability through the curriculum that is continuing to be developed for Afterschool programming.

There have been no calls about Afterschool training as part of district in-services. If some develop regional Afterschool people will be contacted to see if they could help out.

Thank you to Kathi Vos for her support and devotion to 4-H Afterschool!

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